

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application, and for the suggestions for amending the application.

Drawings:

In accordance with paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Official Action, the specification and Figure 4 have been amended to individually label each of the tabs.

With regard to paragraphs 1, 3, 4, and 5, the objections are not understood. Specifically, each of the items listed with a distinct reference character is a separate item. With regard to paragraph 1, each of the client computers 10, 12, 14, and 16 are different client computers. Accordingly, there is nothing improper by using different reference characters for different elements in the drawings. Similarly, with regard to the setting result lists, the label fields, and the data fields, in the present application, different reference numerals are used for different elements.

In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that additional issues exist with regard to the drawings, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that such issues can be promptly resolved.

Specification:

The existing abstract has been canceled and replaced by a new abstract.

With regard to the issues relating to the specification discussed in paragraph 8 on page 3 of the Official Action, the specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections to the specification.

Art Rejections:

Claims 1, 2, 6, and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,075,519, hereinafter Okatani.

Claim 1 defines an image processing apparatus comprising a plurality of entry screens, a first display means for selectively displaying an entry screen from the plurality of entry screens, setting means for setting an operation condition on the displayed entry screen, a list screen on which all the set operation conditions are collectively displayed, and second display means for displaying the entry screen displayed by the first display means and the list screen *at the same time*. For purposes of illustration only, and not limitation, the entry screens are illustrated in the present application in Figures 5, 6, and 7 as elements 66, 67, and 68. The list screen is illustrated in Figure 11 as reference number 81.

The image processing apparatus of claim 1 includes first display means for selectively displaying an entry screen from a plurality of entry screens, and a second display means for displaying the entry screen displayed by the first display means and the list screen at the same time. Thus, using the image processing apparatus according to

claim 1, a user can see both an entry screen and the list screen at the same time. Claim 2 defines an image processing apparatus that, like the apparatus of claim 1, is able to display an entry screen and a list screen at the same time.

In contrast to claim 1 and claim 2, Okatani does not teach or suggest an image processing apparatus wherein an entry screen is displayed at the same time as a list screen on which all set operation conditions are collectively displayed. In comparing Okatani to claims 1 and 2, the Examiner has not addressed the language in claims 1 and 2 of "at the same time". Instead, the Examiner relies upon the claims in Okatani and compares certain language in the claims to that of the claims of the present application. However, with regard to the Okatani claim language, the Examiner's attention is directed to column 9, lines 55-59, wherein it clearly states that the display for displaying mode setting screens and a mode list screen displays *only* one screen at a time. See also column 10, lines 42-44, wherein it says that the display displays *only* one screen at a time.

The Examiner further refers to column 14, lines 30-34. However, that section does not appear to state that the mode setting screens are displayed at the same time. Furthermore, it appears that the mode setting screens of Okatani may be different than the list screen of the present invention.

Independent claim 6 defines an operation condition setter for setting values for a plurality of items specifying operation conditions of an image processing apparatus. The setter includes, among other elements, setting means for registering the data entered for the item on an entry screen as a set value of the item. The setter further includes second generation means for generating a list of setting results of the operation conditions based on

the set values of all the items, and second display control means for displaying the list on the display.

With regard to claim 6, it appears that Okatani does not teach or suggest the claimed combination. Specifically, Okatani does not teach or suggest the combination of claim 6, which includes second generation means for generating a list of *setting results* of the operation conditions based on the *set* values of all of the items. Lines 38-39 of column 10 indicates that the mode list screen "lists each one of the plurality of *mode setting screens*". In contrast to that language, claim 6 of the present application defines the second generation means as generating a list of setting results of the *operation conditions* based on the set values of all the items. Accordingly, Okatani clearly does not teach or suggest claim 6.

With regard to claim 11, claim 11 depends from claim 6, and is thus patentable over Okatani at least for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 6.

Claims 3-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,843,538, hereinafter Lane, in view of Okatani.

Each of claims 3-5 describes displaying a list of all of the set operation conditions and an entry screen *at the same time*. As set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 2, Okatani specifically states that it displays only one screen at a time. In addition, the Examiner has not pointed to any specific section of Lane which overcomes the deficiency of Okatani. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 3-5 are also patentable over the applied prior art.

Claims 7, 9, 10, and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okatani as applied to claim 6 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,762,329, hereinafter Nakazato. However, the Examiner relies upon Nakazato only for the alleged teaching of a detection and prohibition means. Accordingly, Nakazato does not overcome the deficiency of the rejection of claim 6 based on Okatani. Since claims 7, 9, 10, and 12 each depend either directly or indirectly from claim 6, the dependent claims are also patentable over the art applied by the Examiner.

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okatani as applied to claim 6, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,418,394, hereinafter Puolakanaho. The Examiner relies upon Puolakanaho only for its teaching of an interface method. Accordingly, the portion of Puolakanaho relied upon by the Examiner does not overcome the deficiency of the rejection of claim 6 based on Okatani.

To further define the protection to which Applicant is entitled, new claims 13-21 are added. New claims 13-21 are similar to claims 1, 2, and 6-12, except that the new claims do not use means plus function language. Accordingly, new claims 13-21 are patentable over the applied art at least for the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1, 2, and 6-12.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig.3

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status : idling

connected to : LPT1 ☐ file output (L)

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Fig.4

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Minolta Pi

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